

EVELYN'S CHOICE

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The skiff bent over under the pressure of a gentle summer breeze, and her sharp bows cut swiftly through the blue waters of Lake Michigan. The occupants were two in number, a girl and a man. The latter was busily engaged in handling the sail and steering while the girl looked back at the shore line and the tall buildings crowning Chicago's lake front.

She was decidedly pretty, her face being of that pure, classical type, so rarely met with in perfection, her eyes were mirrors of deep azure, and the crimson rays of the sunset tinged the heavy gold masses of her hair with an added glory. In a word, Evelyn Anstruther was a girl whose beauty drew the admiration of observers even as the magnet draws the steel.

Her companion was a tall, athletic young fellow with a frank, open countenance, the features of which were more remarkable for their pleasant expression than regularity of outline. Yet, Archie Bertrand was a universal favorite with all who knew him, male and female, young and old. He radiated sunshine, so to speak, and those who came within the influence of his kindly nature felt irresistibly attracted by him.

At the present time, however, his face wore a look of mingled perplexity and distress. Ever and anon he glanced curiously at his companion, who remained apparently oblivious of his earnest gaze and continued to survey the shore with an air of languid interest. At last, the boat having glided past the government pier and heading well into the lake beyond, Archie ventured to address her.

"Evelyn," he said, "tell me—is this really to be our last sail together?"

She gave vent to a sigh that was half impatient, half regretful.

"Don't ask such questions, Archie," she responded, "why can't you be content with the present without dragging in the future and trying to spoil this perfect June evening? Isn't it better to forget sometimes and enjoy life while we can?"

He shook his head. "It's hard for me to agree with your philosophy, Eve," he said, quietly. "The beauty of the day and happiness of the present only makes the coming trouble the worse to bear."

The boat was sailing placidly before a light breeze and needed little attention. The girl laid a slim, white hand on his sleeve.

"Listen, Archie," she said. "There is no comfort to be found in dwelling upon what is to come. Just now, it is you and I alone, and the outside world doesn't matter. Do you remember the lines:

'Out upon the ocean
With a swifter motion,
Sky and waves around us
And I alone with thee;
Where are we two now?
We are as I trowe love—
In the Heaven of Heavens
Upon a crystal sea!'

His hand closed tightly over her wrist. "Evelyn," he said, "you do not love this man that you intend to marry. Andrew Templeton is twice your age, a cold, mercenary, grasping financier whose heartless speculations have ruined many innocent victims. What insane folly drives you to link your life with such a creature? I can't offer you millions, but you know I love you and there was a time I thought my love was returned."

His voice broke, and he did not finish the sentence. Evelyn looked straight into his eyes and her own did not falter.

"I am sorry, Archie," she said, "sorry because you feel so deeply and I'm not worth it. Sometimes I think I must have been born with a heart of stone that refuses all sympathy. If only something had ever happened to break up the ice of my feelings, things might have been different. But, I'm a slave to ambition—the ambition to shine as a leader in society—to travel in foreign lands—to have unlimited command of money. And this man idolizes me and I long for the sense of power that money alone can bring me. How you must despise me for telling you these things, Archie, but I have always trusted you and told you the truth."

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"Ah, yes, but not loved me, Evelyn."

She hesitated, and was about to reply, when something occurred that put an abrupt stop to all conversation. One of those sudden squalls so common on the great lakes, which spring up without warning, had arisen in the northeast and the water was swiftly lashed into foam by the roaring wind.

Forgetful for the moment of his duties as skipper, Archie was taken completely by surprise and before he could do aught to avert disaster, the boat was hurled violently on her beam ends and the water poured over the gunwale. In another instant the skiff capsized and the occupants found themselves battling with the waves.

Archie was a powerful swimmer and in two strokes he reached the girl's side and caught hold of her dress.

"Don't struggle, Eve," he cried; "grip my shoulders—so—and trust to me."

Evelyn gasped but obeyed, and Archie struck out desperately for the upturned hull of the skiff, which drifted a few yards away. The squall had subsided almost as suddenly as it came; nevertheless, handicapped as he was by the helpless form of his companion, it was only by the greatest effort that he succeeded in reaching the mass of wreckage. With the assistance of a rope which dangled from a broken spar he managed to lash their bodies to the keel in a manner which promised them temporary safety.

Still their position was one of intense peril, and their only hope of



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rescue lay in the chance of attracting the attention of some passing vessel. Fortunately, just before the shades of night descended upon the waters, the lookout of an incoming steamer caught sight of the hapless voyagers and in a very short time they were taken aboard.

Before the steamer reached Chicago, Evelyn and Archie found themselves alone for a few moments in the captain's cabin. The girl's eyes shone with a new and strange luster as they rested upon her preserver.

"Archie, dear," she said, tremulously, "the awakening I often longed for has come at last. I was blind until now, blind to the splendor of your courage and the steadfastness of your love. The near approach of death has opened my eyes and shown me the hideous phantom of my selfishness and vanity. You have saved my life and it belongs to you alone. Do you think that you can forgive me—and love me?"

Archie passed his strong arm around her and her head rested upon his broad shoulder.

"There's no forgiveness necessary, sweetheart," he answered, sturdily. "Fate willed that we should belong to each other and has proved too strong for the temptation of old Templeton's millions."

County News

From Our Exchanges

Boat Capsized.

Wednesday Earl Brockway, who lives in Arrow Rock, and Oz Dysart, from Salline City, came from Salline City in a large skiff, and after loading it down with flour from the Glasgow Milling Co. and getting some express packages which they think were not very valuable, started to return to Salline City about five o'clock. There was a heavy wind blowing and in their efforts to miss a bridge pier they ran the skiff too near the sand barge with the result that the skiff was sunk and the flour and contents of the skiff were lost. Up to the present time they have not been able to recover the skiff which they think is under the barge.

Both of the young men came very near drowning. Earl Brockway was the first one to pull himself up onto the barge, which is a very high one, and decked on top. He then extended his foot down the side of the barge and told his partner to catch hold. In his effort to do so Dysart nearly tore the top of Brockway's boot off. Finally Brockway succeeded in landing his companion safely to the barge after young Dysart was nearly exhausted. The flour belonged to Ehler Bros. of Salline City, and consisted of thirty 50 pound sacks. Brockway had a fine breech loading shot gun in the skiff, which was also lost. Both young men stayed at the Star Hotel all night.

It was certainly a narrow escape from a watery grave—Glasgow Missourian.

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Wedding Announcement.

Miss Ella Snoddy very delightfully entertained a few of her girl friends at her home on Monday evening, March 2nd. Many novel contests had been prepared for the amusement of the guests, among them was one in which each guest was asked to write a short poem. After the poems had been read, Miss Ella Snoddy read one in which she announced the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Ella Snoddy to Orval Shaffer. Slater Rustler.

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A Sudden Death.

The many friends of Samuel S. Rogers, of this city, were grieved to learn of his sudden death at the home of his son, Wm. O. Rogers, near Sharon, last Wednesday evening about six o'clock.

He went to the farm of his son the first of the week to look after some of his farming interest, and had made arrangements before leaving to go on a duck hunt with P. C. Storke on Wednesday morning, but was not feeling well and decided not to go. Late in the afternoon he was stricken with heart trouble and died in a few minutes. Slater Rustler.

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Jack Pate came down from Kansas City Monday and went out to his farm south of town to look after some business matters. Jack looks like city life agrees with him. John Sibley had the misfortune to lose one of his large mules last week. The cause of death was blood poison resulting from a small wound on the hip. Miami News.

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A Canning Factory Meeting.

About fifty of the stockholders in the Slater Canning Factory met at the opera house last Monday and appointed a committee consisting of Dr. D. W. Reid, R. A. Jenkins and E. L. Rhoades to select a site for the factory. It will be located on the north side of the railroad track in the second block east of the depot, where two lots were purchased of Joseph Baker, for the consideration of \$100. It is considered by all concerned as the most desirable location available. Thos. W. Potter who has contracted to build the factory arrived here Tuesday and is now making plans and specifications, and will begin work as soon as a deed to the land has been obtained. The factory and the ice plant will be on the same block. Slater Rustler.

A Higher Health Level

"I have reached a higher health level since I began using Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Jacob Springer, of West Franklin, Maine. "They keep my stomach, liver and bowels working just right." If these pills disappoint you on trial, money will be refunded at all drug stores.

Mrs. Pearl Gray died at her home south of town Tuesday of consumption. She was the wife of James Gray who bought the Bud Latham place and just moved to it. The town had as well sell the calaboose, as there appears to be no further need for it. It has not seen a prisoner for so long that we believe if the marshal was to take one down that way the thing would jump up and run away.—Rev. W. M. Barcater and wife, of Kansas City spent 19 days with the Baptist church here in a meeting. Twenty five were received by baptism—27 additions in all. Others were converted backsliders reclaimed and Christians greatly revived. The entire community attended well. The meeting touched all lines of business. Scarcely a house can be found that did not get some spiritual uplift.—Glasgow Globe.

When a man writes as follows don't you think he means it? Mr. S. G. Williams, Powderly, Texas, says, "I have suffered for years with Kidney and Bladder trouble, using every preparation I came across and taking many prescriptions all without relief until my attention was called to Pineules. After 30 days' trial (1.00) I am feeling fine." Money refunded if not satisfied. Sold by P. H. Franklin.

Fred Feldman has opened up a harness and shoe repair shop in Mt. Leonard. We wish him success in his business.—R. H. Ramey and family have moved to town and are now at home in the property he recently purchased from James Jackson.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barchus, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meinershagen, left Saturday morning for their home near Holstein, Mo.—Jimmie Kirby received quite a gash in his forehead Thursday from a "shinny" stick. The doctor took four stitches to close the wound. Jim is getting along nicely.—John Schaeffer and son left Monday with their household goods for Iowa. Mrs. Schaeffer and daughter left Wednesday to join them. We wish them success in their new home.—Blackburn Record.

It Does the Business

Mr. E. E. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Maine, says of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "It does the business; I have used it for piles and it cured them. Used it for chapped hands and it cured them. Applied it to an old sore and it healed it without leaving a scar behind." 25c at all drug stores.

More Pensions for Widows

Washington, March 2.—The widows' pension bill which was passed by the House, was reported favorably to the Senate today by Senator McCumber, chairman of the committee on pensions. It increases to \$12 a month the pension drawn by widows of soldiers who served in any Indian war, the war with Mexico or the Civil war. The Senate committee added a provision removing certain marriage restrictions, which provision it is estimated would add about 20,000 to the list of pensioners, at a cost of \$2,880,000 a year. The estimated annual cost of the bill as reported is \$14,678,112.

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This will be a mass meeting, and all persons in sympathy with the objects of this conference will be granted seats and allowed all the privileges of delegates.

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J. M. Rudy, Pastor First Christian Church.

Clark Baker, Pastor East Sedalia, Methodist Episcopal Church.

James Parsons, Pastor First Congregational Church, Committee in Charge.

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Frank Culver, until March 1st with the New York Racket, is now in the clothing department of Murphy Mills store.

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